

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A cooking utensil for cooking a food by using predetermined heating means, said cooking utensil comprising:

(a) means for setting a maintenance time for each of a plurality of maintenance items by arbitrarily setting a calendar date time for executing each of said maintenance items, ~~said execution time being settable for each of said maintenance items;~~

(b) means for tracking calendar dates and determining when said maintenance time for each of said plurality of maintenance items occurs;

~~(b)~~ (c) means for informing a user when each calendar date occurs for executing of ~~said execution time for each one of said maintenance items set by said maintenance time setting means, said informing means displays a predetermined sign on an operating panel of said cooking utensil for said heating means; and~~

~~(c)~~ (d) means for displaying each one of said user informed maintenance items after said predetermined sign is displayed ~~in response to a predetermined operation of a switch provided on said operating panel.~~

Claims 2-6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A cooking utensil as ~~elaimed~~ recited in claim-~~2~~ 1, wherein after informing said user of the execution time, said information is automatically ~~called off~~ removed by performing the corresponding one of said maintenance items.

Claims 8-37. (Canceled)